cooperative sector through the National Cooperative Housing Federaction.

Government is also seeking to give a boost to housing through the propagation of appropriate cost effective and environment friendly technology.

Poverty Alleviation Schemes

1220. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various poverty alleviation schemes currently in operation;

(b) the amount spent under the various schemes during 1998-99 and proposed to be spent during the current financial year;

(c) whether the impact of the investment in these schemes is assessed periodically and if so, how often; and

(d) the actual effect of these schemes in combating the poverty during 1997-98 and 1998-99?

THE MUNISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKH DEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) A Centrally sponsored programme called Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is being implemented by the Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation with effect from 1.12.1997. SJSRY seeks to provide gainful employment to unemployed or underemployed urban poor living below poverty line and educated upto IXth standard for setting up self employment ventures, or provision of wage employment.

(b) For implementation of SJSRY during the year 1998-99 and amount of Rs. 158.47 crores has been allocated as Central share and the entire amount has been released to the States/Union Territories. During the current financial year an amount of Rs. 176.35 crores is proposed to be spent.

(c) The implementation of SJSRY is monitored regularly, through quarterly progress reports sent by the States/Union Territories and in the review meetings held in the Ministry with the officials of State/ Union Territory Governments. Concurrent evaluation/impact stuthes have been conducted under the old urban poverty alleviation programme of Nehru Rozgar Yojana. Since SJSRY is being implemented with effect from 1.12.1997, concurrent evaluation stuthes are now being entrusted to different agencies.

(d) The details of urban poor beneficiaries assisted under various components of SJSRY during the period 1997-98 and 1998-99 as reported by the State Governments (as on 31.3.1999) are as given below:

(i) Number of beneficiaries assisted under Urban Self-Employment Programme (USEP). = 51,773

(ii) Number of Women beneficiaries assisted under Development of Women and Children in Urban Areas (DWCUA). = 1252

(iii) Number of mandays of work generated under Urban Wage Employment Pro gramme (UWEP). = 71.132 lakhs

(iv) Number of beneficiaries covered under Community Structure. = 195.015 lakhs

Migration of Rural People to Metropolitan Cities

1221. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minster of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to discourage the rural people to move to metropolitan cities in search of employment and congesting the cities thereby;

(b) if so, the details thereof;